

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

.04 Forest Wildlife.

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-205 and 10-408, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Deer Management Permit Procedures.

A. — C. (text unchanged)

D. Service Action.

(1) A deer management permit may be issued to a landowner, or the agricultural lessee of a landowner, for economic loss *or significant ecological damage* to:

(a) — (c) (text unchanged)

(d) Ornamental vegetation; [or]

(e) Woodland areas that have forest management plans or tree planting plans that are written by a Department forester or a licensed private forester[.]; *or*

(f) *Native plant communities of ecological significance managed under the direction of a professional botanist or ecologist.*

(2) — (3) (text unchanged)

E. (text unchanged)

F. Deer Reduction Procedure.

(1) — (2) (text unchanged)

(3) The permit in §E(1) of this regulation shall describe:

(a) — (b) (text unchanged)

(c) [Whether the] *The type of deer to be taken* [is] *as antlered, antlerless, or both.*

(4) (text unchanged)

(5) Tagging and Confirmation Procedures.

(a) The permittee, or agent of the permittee as described in §[E]F(6) of this regulation, is responsible for tagging each deer before removing the carcass from the place of kill.

(b) Each deer shall be field tagged with a tag that includes:

(i) (text unchanged)

(ii) Name and [address] *DNRid number* of the permittee or agent; and

(iii) (text unchanged)

(c) (text unchanged)

(d) The permittee or agent shall record the confirmation *number* on the permittee's or agent's copy of the confirmation number log sheet supplied with the deer management permit.

(e) — (g) (text unchanged)

(6) Agents.

(a) — (b) (text unchanged)

(c) [Agents shooting deer under the authority of a deer management permit using a firearm, or any weapon during the firearms or muzzleloader season shall wear fluorescent orange clothing in accordance with Natural Resources Article, §10-418(b), Annotated Code of Maryland. Landowners or lessees are exempt from this fluorescent orange requirement.] *Agents shooting under the authority of a deer management permit shall wear fluorescent orange clothing in accordance with Natural Resources Article, §10-418(b), Annotated Code of Maryland when:*

(i) *Using a firearm anytime;*

(ii) *Using any weapon during the deer firearms or muzzleloader season; or*

(iii) *Using any weapon during the black bear season in a county or zone where the black bear season is open.*

(7) (text unchanged)

(8) Using a Deer Management Permit [During an Open Season].

(a) Except as provided for in §[E]F(8)(b) [and (c)] of this regulation, all permittees and their agents shooting deer under the authority of a deer management permit [during the bow, firearms, or muzzleloader season shall conform to those laws and regulations pertaining to the hunting of deer in the county where the permit is valid] *may use any hunting device legal for hunting deer during the deer firearms season in that county or zone.*

[b) An individual may shoot deer during any established deer hunting season with any hunting device allowed to be used during the deer firearms season in the region where the permit is issued, if that individual is:

(i) The permittee;

(ii) Allowed to hunt on the property without a license as described in Natural Resources, §10-301,

Annotated Code of Maryland;

(iii) A commercial farm employee who receives an Internal Revenue Service W-2 form from the permittee;

(iv) A nonresident owner of land who purchases a hunting license; or

(v) The child, or the spouse of a child, of the landowner of the property for which the deer management permit is issued.

(c) All permittees and agents shooting deer under the authority of a valid deer management permit may shoot deer from January 1 through September 14, using any hunting device legal for hunting deer during that county's deer firearms season.]

(b) In Charles and St. Mary's counties during the deer bow, firearms or muzzleloader season, all persons shooting deer under the authority of a valid deer management permit may shoot deer using a rifle or any hunting device legal for hunting deer during the deer firearms season.

G. [Until June 30, 2017, an] *An individual authorized as a permittee [or agent] on a deer management permit for property in Charles or St. Mary's county who leases State agricultural crop land may shoot deer on the leased State agricultural land in Charles and St. Mary's counties to the same extent, and subject to the same conditions, that the individual is authorized to shoot deer under the deer management permit.*

H. — K. (text unchanged)